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SUBJECT: DAKAR CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES: POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO RECENT CONVERSATION WITH T. WESTLUND OF MFA/COMMERCE WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCES AND PARTICIPATED IN SOME OF DRAFTING GROUPS, THE POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS APPARENTLY WERE WORKED OUT BY SMALL GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF LAYACHI YAKER OF ALGERIA WITH PARTICIPATION OF FIGUERA OF VENEZUELA AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM AFRICAN STATES. WESTLUND WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THERE WAS NO EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF, OR OBJECTION TO, THE POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS IN PLENARY SESSION, AND THESE WERE APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION. HE ADDED THAT MOST DELEGATES DID NOT CONSIDER POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS TO BE OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE.

2. REGARDING PRC, WESTLUND HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER PRC WAS CONSIDERED FOR INVITATION. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, EVEN IF NON-ALIGNED HAD EXTENDED INVITATION, THE PRC MAY HAVE DECLINED BECAUSE IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER PRC

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WANTS TO BE CONSIDERED A DEVELOPING COUNTRY.

3. WHEN ECON/COMM COUNSELOR SUGGESTED THAT CONTRARY TO SWEDISH VIEWS, THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS ON COMMODITIES DID IN FACT CONSTITUTE A CONFRONTATION, WESTLUND TOOK EXCEPTION. WESTLUND SAID NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WERE REALISTIC AND THAT THERE WAS "NO ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION" DURING CONFERENCE. HE ADVERTED TO HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP OF 77, HIS MANY ABLE FRIENDS WITH WHOM HE HAD WORKED, AND CONCLUDED THAT WHEN THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES REFER TO CARTELS, THEY ARE DOING NO MORE THAN WHAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

4. COMMENT: SWEDES CONTINUE TO PUT THE BEST LIGHT ON NON-ALIGNED VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE CONFERENCE. SWEDEN'S MORALIZING VIEWS ARE MADE EASIER TO HOLD BY THE CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THIS COUNTRY.
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